SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States are constantly demonstrating their loyalty and devotion to the service of their country; and

WHEREAS, these armed forces are now engaged in combat against ruthless agression and despotism, which threaten to destroy our cherished freedom; and

WHEREAS, these fighting forces assist in maintaining the strength and security of our nation and providing the power for peace which is needed in the world today; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that South Dakotans join the rest of the nation in devoting one day of each year to paying tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute a bulwark guarding the freedoms of this Nation and world peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 16, 1953, as

ARMED FORCES DAY

in South Dakota, and do urge all South Dakotans to take part in appropriate celebrations and ceremonies marking the occasion. I further call upon my fellow citizens to display the flag of the United States on this day, as a mark of our recognition and thanks for the sacrifice, gallantry and devotion to duty of the men and women of the Armed Forces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of May, 1953.

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostrout
Secretary of State

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